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Title: Reported threat of eviction of slum dwellers by the railway authorities at Gandhi Dham, Gujarat.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH):Sir, this is an important matter. It is affecting 15,000 people.

Thank you, Sir, for giving me the opportunity. In Gandhidham, in Kutch district, more than 15,000 slum dwellers of the *Jhopad pattis* are threatened to be evicted by the Railways without following any legal procedure.

They are staying there since last more than 25 years. They are having their ration cards; they are having their names in the electoral rolls; and they are having their electricity connections. But Railway Authorities are threatening to evict these persons only to favour a few individual industrialists and that too without following any procedure. Where will these persons go? They are staying there for the last more than 25 years. Further, in case of dispute of their land, the Railways are not in a position to decide whether the land belongs to the Railways or to the Kandla Port.

MR. SPEAKER: Please conclude.

SHRI P.S. GADHAVI (KUTCH): Sir, they should not allow it. They should follow the procedure. They are required to be reallocated and rehabilitated by the Railways. The Railways are evicting them without following the procedure. Thank you very much, Sir.

MR. SPEAKER: Shri P. Karunakaran and Shri Jaswant Singh Bishnoi are to raise issues related to the Railways. Kindly take part in the debate on the Railway Budget, and mention all those points in the debate itself. An appropriate opportunity is being made available for you during the debate on the Railway Budget. It is not a 'Zero Hour' matter.